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AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Health ministers from Australia and New Zealand recently agreed upon a genetically modified (GM) food code that will take effect in July 2001. The ministers agreed upon a zero level threshold in food claiming to be GM-free. The code would require a paper trail from the source of the ingredients. The industry would be required to test or determine whether GM DNA is present in highly refined ingredients, processing aids, food additives and flavorings.

A one percent threshold was allowed, however, for incidents of accidental contamination. An accidental contamination consists of when a non-GM crop is transported in a truck that previously carried a GM crop and there is some unintentional mixing. The manufacturer, however, must prove the contamination was accidental. The one percent threshold also applies to unintended GM DNA contamination in the final product.

The only exemptions allowed for the code would be food sold in restaurants, take-away food and certain additives. Great Britain is the only country presently to require restaurants and take-away food shops to label foods containing GM material.

Estimates on the costs of implementing the code range from \$A20-30 million a year as stated by Victorian Health Minister John Thwaites and South Australian Human Services Minister Dean Brown to \$A300 million as stated by the Australian Federal Government. Industry members are waiting to see the final regulations before they know the final costs. They hope the regulations will give them advantages in export markets such as Europe, but they may prove to be a disadvantage when costs are compared.

Sources: Farmers Weekly on the world wide web at fwi.co.uk
Jason Koutsoukis and Geoff Strong, The Age

TURKEY

The Turkish Agriculture Ministry has formed a committee to develop new regulations which would prohibit imports of products which are not accompanied by "GMO-free" certificates from the exporting country. The new regulations could be implemented by January, 2001. The government had original intentions to immediately stop imports of genetically modified products while appropriate regulations and procedures were developed.

The Turkish Ministry of Agriculture officials were concerned that the technology used in the production of GMO products carried unknown risks which necessitate the implementation of food security systems to clarify the ambiguities surrounding the products, their effects on animal and human health, and the impact on the environment.

Source: The Foreign Agricultural Service/USDA

SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Board on Tariffs and Trade (BTT) has approved a request to extend the comment period for an appeal of the board's preliminary findings that the U.S. dumped chicken leg quarters on the South African market. The BTT had originally set a deadline of August 6, 2000 for an appeal to be submitted, which was 30 days after the report of its finding was distributed. The new deadline for an appeal is August 21, 2000.

The U.S. government has filed comments with the chairman of the tariff board and with the South African Minister of Trade taking issue with board's preliminary findings. The comments included statements from the USDA, the U.S. Trade Representative's office, and the Department of Commerce.

Source: USA Poultry & Egg Export Council

PHILIPPINES

The Philippines recently passed a law that would allow the government to raise tariffs on imports of certain products to protect the domestic industry in the event of a surge in shipments. The law establishes trigger volumes on various products that, when reached, would allow the government to invoke higher tariffs. The tariffs can remain in effect for up to 200 days and can be made permanent, if the situation warrants.

The law apparently conforms to the World Trade Organization's special safeguards rules. The Philippines also recently passed laws on dumping and countervailing duties.

Source: USA Poultry & Egg Export Council

ROMANIA

Romania has granted a duty-free quota on poultry meat of 3,000 metric tons to the European Union (EU) for the period of July, 2000 to June, 2001. The EU can also export 750 metric tons of processed poultry to Romania. In return, Romania gains the right to export 3,000 metric tons of poultry and 500 metric tons of processed poultry to the EU.

The arrangement is part of a "double-zero" agreement between the EU and Romania. The EU has double-zero agreements with Bulgaria, Hungary and Estonia as part of a long term plan to bring the Eastern European countries into the EU. The double-zero arrangement sets quotas whereby each side will be able to export a predetermined amount of product to each other with no import duties or subsidies. The agreement between Romania and the EU will allow quotas to increase ten percent per year.

Source: USA Poultry & Egg Export Council

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Week Ending Aug 05, 2000		Year-To-Date	
(000)		(000)	
Liquid	227	140	4,024
Frozen	0	0	126
Dried	0	29	340
Total	227	169	4,490

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Week Ending Aug 05, 2000		Year-To-Date	
(000)		(000)	
Liquid	161	166	3,648
Frozen	15	8	477
Dried	0	25	643
Total	176	199	4,768

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S. Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Aug 05, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000		1999	
Jumbo	120	94	1,101
Extra Large	2,300	887	29,054
Large	1,430	1,120	85,947
Medium	750	1,831	21,384
Ungraded	17,130	9,501	188,944
Misc	0	150	7,887
Total	21,730	13,583	334,317

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 11-AUG-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	18.00	20.00	12.75-15.00 14.50-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	20.00	13.82 14.75
323,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.			
15-20%			
RANGE	14.00-15.00	16.00-17.50	11.00-14.00 12.50-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	14.33	16.30	11.99 13.59
3,808,800 pounds, this includes 448,800 pounds for export shipment.			
20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE			

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 05-Aug-00
(PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,838	1,814	3,652
LAST WEEK	1,799	1,723	3,522
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,025	1,427	3,452
TO-DATE/2000	60,621	44,172	104,793
TO-DATE/1999	66,968	42,093	109,061

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	402	0	402
LAST WEEK	665	19	684
SAME WEEK YR AGO	322	0	322
TO-DATE/2000	15,071	143	15,214
TO-DATE/1999	15,058	192	15,250

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,240	1,814	4,054
LAST WEEK	2,464	1,742	4,206
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,347	1,427	3,774
TO-DATE/2000	75,692	44,315	120,007
TO-DATE/1999	82,026	42,285	124,311

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 11-AUG-00

CHICKEN PRICES

-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	
15% OR LESS			
RANGE	16.00-17.00	-	17.00 18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.20		17.00 18.00

560,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS			
RANGE	14.50-16.00	17.50	- 16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.79	17.50	16.55
760,000 pounds, this includes 240,000 pounds for export shipment.			
15-20%			
RANGE	13.50-16.00	15.50	12.25-15.00 12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.01	15.50	13.00 14.00
1,924,000 pounds, this includes 564,000 pounds for export shipment.			
20% OR MORE			
RANGE	-	-	- 12.75
WTD AVERAGE			12.75

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

AUGUST 11, 2000

Fresh tom breast meat undertone becoming mixed and ranged from barely steady to instances fully steady with some noting increased interest for next week's shipments. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat uneven and ranged from light to fully adequate with close trimmed product the least available. Offerings of scapula light, breast trim becoming more available, and wing meat is readily available. The dark meat market continued active centering mostly on thigh meat for export to Asia and some noted for Mexico and Russia at steady to barely steady price levels. Defatted gizzard undertone unsettled with some noting the market is firm and asking premiums while others call it weak and are willing to discount. The mechanically separated turkey market is slow. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts traded at 99 cents delivered September. For export: frozen mature thigh meat 52, mixed hen and tom defatted gizzards 52 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE VOLUME (000)	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.50-25.00		24.75	160	24.99	796
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.50		22.50	104	21.83	312
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	200	15.32	460
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.50-56.00		55.51	884	54.59	2,032

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.23	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.00-16.00		14.80	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-54.50		54.20	260

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	24.84	372
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00-23.00		21.50	208
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	14.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.50-56.00		53.46	432

TUESDAY, AUGUST 08, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.50-25.00		24.84	372
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.08	624
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	14.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-54.00		53.70	376

MONDAY, AUGUST 07, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.08	624
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	14.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00		56.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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